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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/029,960	Applicant(s) SIMPSON ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2005.
 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-13 and 17-31 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-13 and 17-31 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 5-13, 17-31 are pending.
2. Amendment filed 10/31/2005 has been received and considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 5-13, 17-23, 29-31 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Epstein (US 6601172).

As per claims 1, 13 and 21, Epstein discloses retrieving imaging data on behalf of a user via a network from the user's personal imaging repository with a network-based notarization service via an imaging extension; and electronically notarizing the imaging data with the network-based notarization service (see column 4 lines 20-22 and column 5 lines 15-47).

As per claims 5 and 17, discloses the imaging extension comprises part of a user browser (see column 5 lines 15-47).

As per claims 6 and 18, Epstein discloses the imaging extension comprises part of the network-based notarization service (see column 5 lines 15-47).

As per claims 7, 19 and 22, Epstein discloses the step of electronically notarizing imaging data comprises modifying the imaging data by adding at least one of a stamp and a digital signature to the imaging data (see column 4 lines 20-22).

As per claims 8-9, Epstein discloses storing the modified imaging data in a user personal imaging repository (see column 4 lines 20-22).

As per claims 10, 20 and 23, Epstein discloses the step of electronically notarizing imaging data comprises generating a notarized certificate (see column 4 lines 45-48).

As per claims 11-12, Epstein discloses storing the certificate in a user personal imaging repository (see column 4 lines 55-57).

As per claims 29-30, Epstein discloses the digital signature comprises the identity of the network-based notarization service that notarized the imaging data and the date the notarization occurred (see column 8 lines 50-52).

As per claim 31, Epstein discloses the notarization is internally stored by the network-based notarization service that performed the notarization (see column 4 lines 50-51).

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 24-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Epstein as applied to claims 1 and 5 above, in view of Schreiber et al (US 6298446).

As per claims 24-25, Epstein fails to disclose the imaging extension comprises an API and the browser uses generic commands.

However, Schreiber et al teaches such methods (see column 18 lines 19-38).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use Schreiber et al's API in the system of Epstein.

Motivation to do so would have been to deal with protected images (see column 18 lines 19-38).

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6. Claims 26-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Epstein as applied to claim 6 above, in view of Braam et al (US 6957347).

As per claims 26-27, Epstein fails to disclose using a redirect address for authentication.

However, Braam et al teaches such redirection (see column 6 lines 15-27).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use redirection in the system of Epstein.

Motivation to do so would have been to prevent users from accessing unauthorized databases (see column 6 lines 15-27).

7. Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Epstein as applied to claim 7 above, in view of Natarajan (US 6611599).

As per claim 28, Epstein fails to disclose the stamp comprises a watermark.

However, Natarajan teaches a watermark (see column 5 lines 15-44).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art for Epstein's stamp to be a watermark.

Motivation to do so would have been that it is impossible to remove a watermark (see column 5 lines 15-44).

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments filed 10/31/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Epstein does not teach: retrieving imaging data on behalf of the user via a network because Epstein teaches a user transmitting the data; a personal imaging repository and via an imaging extension.

Regarding Applicant's argument that Epstein does not teach retrieving imaging data on behalf of the user via a network because Epstein teaches a user transmitting the data, as seen in column 5 lines 15-47 the viewer retrieves the stored image and therefore meets Applicant's claimed limitation.

Regarding Applicant's argument that Epstein does not teach a personal imaging repository, the server, described in figure 6, is the personal imaging repository.

Regarding Applicant's argument that Epstein does not teach an imaging extension, the viewer, described in column 5 lines 15-47, is the imaging extension.

Conclusion

9. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pyzocha whose telephone number is (571) 272-3875. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm first Fridays of the bi-week off.

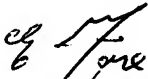
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the

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